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Kaoru SAKAKIBARA

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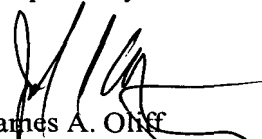
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- ☒ 2. Relevance of the references are discussed in the present specification.
- ☒ 3. An English-language Abstract of the non-English language reference is attached hereto.

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U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS						
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	2	JP A 2000-398263 (with abstract)	12/27/2000	Japan		

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